

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. The Final Office Action, paper no. 20080304, is withdrawn because the obvious double patenting rejection in the Office Action is improper.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 6-14.

Applicants have elected Group I, claims 1-2, 4-5, 15-18, and 21 without traverse, claims 6-14 of the unelected Group II are not cancel since they do not share the same scope as Group.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

It was the examiner position that the combined teaching of Rebhan and Seeger suggest the SCA of the instant claims as shown in the previous Nonfinal Office Action. However, applicants have disclosed that the catalyst compositions comprising the SCA mixture of the instant claims provide unexpected superior of catalytic activities in Table 1 in the specification compared to those of the cited prior art. Therefore, the instant claims are deemed to be novel and nonobvious over the cited prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Caixia Lu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1106. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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